

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all previous listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A suspension according to ~~claim 9,~~claim 25, wherein said spring is of constant stiffness.

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A suspension according to ~~claim 11,~~claim 25, wherein said bushing includes an annular groove shaped and dimensioned to receive a corresponding end turn of said spring.

15. (Currently amended) A suspension according to ~~claim 11,~~claim 25, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

16. (Currently amended) A suspension according to ~~claim 11,~~claim 25, wherein a said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

17-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) A suspension according to claim 14, wherein said bushing is made as a single piece of said elastomer material.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) A suspension according to claim 14, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

24. (Previously presented) A suspension according to claim 15, wherein said bushing is interposed between each of said supports and a corresponding end turn of said spring.

25. (New) A vehicle suspension comprising a coil spring mounted between two supports of variable spacing,

wherein at least one end of said spring bears against a corresponding one of said supports via an elastically deformable bushing of variable stiffness and presenting significant variation in stiffness, said bushing being secured to the corresponding one of said supports,

wherein said bushing comprises a thick annular base of elastomer material that is elastically deformable, and

wherein said base includes an annular recess.